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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name subscribed below;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **THREADED PIPE WITH SURFACE TREATMENT**, the specification of which _____ is attached hereto X was filed on **October 10, 2003** as Application Serial No. **10/682,520** and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification as filed, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed (Day/Mo./Yr.)	Priority Claimed
Italy	RM2002A000512	10/10/02	Yes

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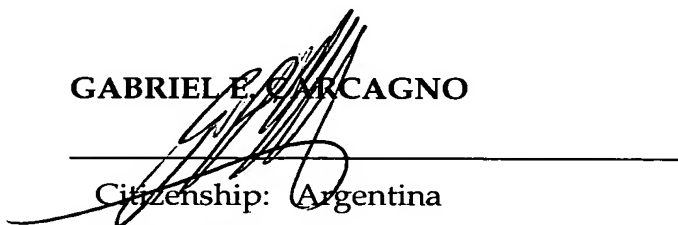
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